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## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting June 1, 2015

**PRESENT:** Joe Constance                      Selectman  
Dwight Lovejoy                      Selectman  
Christine Quirk                      Selectman  
Peter Flynn                      Town Administrator

Deputy Fire Chief Rodney Towne, Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett, Solid Waste Committee Chairman Gordon Carlstrom, Forestry Committee Chairman Kim DiPietro, Road Agent Dick Perusse and Brandy Mitroff of the public were present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Dwight Lovejoy at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda-**The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Joe moved to approve the consent agenda. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Consent Agenda included Appointment of Brent Armstrong to represent the Planning Board at SNHPC with Mark Suennen as his alternate.

**B. PUBLIC FORUM:**  
None.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: Public Hearing: To Accept Donation for Fire Department Training Purposes:** The Public Hearing opened at 6:02 PM. Deputy Fire Chief Rodney Towne was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss acceptance of a donation from Douglas Engel of a house worth \$134,000 that was burned down for Fire Department training purposes. Mr. Engel can deduct the donation from his income taxes. The property has no value to the town as it was burned down. Joe moved to accept the \$134,000 donation of a building (house) located on tax map 14, lot 25 from Douglas Engel that was burned down for Fire Department training purposes. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Public Hearing closed at 6:05 PM.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 2: Adoption of Public and Non-Public Minutes of May 18, 2015:** The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes of May 18, 2015. Christine moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 3: Third Reading-Public Hearing-Continuation of Recessed Hearing of May 4,-Solid Waste Facility Fee Adjustments:** The Public Hearing opened at 6:06 PM. Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett was present and said the Solid Waste Committee reviewed current fees

and is proposing fees to cover the cost of C&D removal. He also noted the town has decreased water weight with the new cover over the dumpster the town owns and he will keep the Selectmen updated on this. The Solid Waste Committee is proposing a fee of 7 cents per pound for concrete removal. Gerry said in the past Rodney Towne took 24 loads of concrete from the property to Goffstown. In the past glass could be added to this but no longer. Joe moved to approve the proposed concrete fees of 7 cents per pound but not to increase the electronics fees that are also proposed as the current Transfer Station budget can handle the electronics tipping fee increase. Discussion: Gerry noted the Transfer Station is currently losing due to the amount of electronics tonnage going through the facility. Gerry tracks each item that goes into the container. The current New Boston fee is 11 cents per pound and does not cover the cost to remove these items at 14.5-21 cents per pound. Volume has been consistent for the past three years. Two years ago the electronics removal tipping fee also increased but the Transfer Station budget absorbed the increase at that time. Christine said she would like the electronics fee to remain the same but sees campers bringing electronic items to the Transfer Station and she doesn't think the town should be paying for camper item disposal. Gerry said he has spoken to campers that use the Transfer Station but reside in another town and they have said it would cost those more to dispose of these items in their town of residence. Gerry has evaluated all fees and revenues to make sure fees are stable and fair to residents. If the fees get too low New Boston will absorb fees for items from other towns. The budget can absorb the tipping fee increase but it will be tight. Joe would like to keep his motion the same and review all Transfer Station fees in the future. Solid Waste Committee Chairman Gordon Carlstrom noted the fee for tires will need review. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Brandy Mitroff was present and asked if campers have dump stickers. Christine said year round seasonal campers can get a pass to use the Transfer Station in the office and this helps the town save money by allowing campers to use the Transfer Station. Brandy noted a fee to totally cover item disposal seems fair. The Public Hearing closed at 6:16 PM.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 4: Permission Request-Forestry Committee Authorization Request to Spend Over \$5,000 to Construct a Log Landing:** Forestry Committee Chairman Km DiPietro was present to request permission to spend over \$5,000 from their Forest Maintenance Fund to construct a log landing in the Siemeze Forest along Middle Branch Road. Several quotes were received, probably for more than will actually be needed, at \$7-8,000 that will be spent from the Forestry Maintenance Fund. Road Agent Dick Perusse met with all bidders to review the location and make sure it is appropriate for their equipment. Joe moved to authorize the Forestry Committee to spend over \$5,000 for logging at the Siemeze Forest at Middle Branch Road. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **Item 5: Town Administrator's Report:**

- Foot Traffic Safety Committee: The Committee met last week. They have been successful with fundraising \$80-90,000 (pledges) and have several footbridge quotes.
- Town Hall Basement: No bids were received and construction contractors are very busy this year. This bid request for this project might be put out again and possibly in small portions.

- Mont Vernon Road Land Purchase: Papers were passed today. The Fire Wards will discuss the potential for this property in the next budget once the deed is registered.
- Purchase of Daniels Land Behind Fire Station: Papers are expected to be passed Friday. Surveyor Bob Todd and Town Attorney Leslie Nixon have been very helpful in this purchase.
- Peter to Investigate the most practical method of code enforcement regarding Winslow's Property on River Road: The town is considering enforcing codes at several properties on River Road. The process has begun.
- Notification from the state that the town will receive a large check of approximately \$156,000 for 80% of engineering costs that were approved.
- The Public Hearing procedure document that the Selectmen were not ready to discuss at their meeting a few weeks ago was briefly discussed. Regular scheduled meeting procedures were adopted a couple years ago. This new recommended policy is for those advertised as "Public Hearings" will be reviewed through prescribed three readings for consideration, then the Board will vote whether to approve and it would then be permanently placed in the procedure manual. This was the first reading.

**Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:**

- Road Agent Dick Perusse was present and reported he met with the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee who wants to confirm the health of the river as they are concerned the proposed Old Coach Road project will occasionally cause more water to go into the river during large storms. Dick expects this will delay the project. The PRLAC made suggestions for water retention. Protected species such as turtles and mussels were discussed but are unlikely to have a habitat in this area. The project was hoped to be begun by now but the AOT permit is needed to begin. The money for the project is intact and will remain intact if the project cannot begin this year.
- Dwight attended the Planning Board meeting where the following were discussed:
  - Allan Girard wants to open a knick knack antique shop at his residence. The application looks good but the driveway location is an issue.
  - Indian Falls development: The developer is seeking compliance of Indian Falls and Susan Roads. This is not ready and the town engineer will review the road.
  - The Planning Board continued working on the Master Plan.

**G. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 7: Police Chief James Brace-First Reading-Change to Personnel Policy:** Police Chief James Brace was not present but Peter spoke to this saying there have been issues when the town invests in a new police officer and allows them vacation time and then they leave employment before the vacation time is earned. A statement has been proposed to be added to the Personnel Policy for the Board's review and a Public Hearing will be scheduled. Peter will get a legal opinion on the statement before the next Selectmen's meeting as it is unknown if this statement is legal. Joe asked if there were any other penalties the town could use. Joe moved to put this forward to a first reading and Peter and Jim will research alternatives for early employment withdrawal and have the information available at the next Selectmen's meeting. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Public Forum:**

None.

**Item 8: Possible Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

Approved: Selectmen's Meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015